

REPORT NOT JUST TO HIM

Captain Pizzini Writes Chairman Minor, Complaining of Committee's References.

HAD TO FOLLOW EVIDENCE

This Is Plea of Minor to Board of Aldermen—W. T. Dabney Succeeds Hall.

Several matters of special interest came up before the Board of Aldermen last night.

Mr. John B. Minor, chairman of the Investigation Committee, read a letter from Captain Andrew Pizzini, in which the captain claimed that the report did him justice.

The board failed to concur in the Commission resolution calling for the repeal of the law, recently enacted, referring to the powers of officials and employees of the city. All of such matters went to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Mr. W. T. Dabney was elected a member, to succeed Captain Hall, resigned.

CAPTAIN PIZZINI'S LETTER.

The letter of Captain Pizzini was read by Mr. Minor and profound silence followed. First of all, he said that while the letter was addressed to him personally, it related entirely to the action of the committee, and he would speak improperly in making it public. Then he read:

"Richmond, Va., Jan. 12th, 1904.

"Dear Sir:—The report of the committee, which I understand was prepared by you, does me injustice and I wish to call your attention to it now, so that if an opportunity occurs you may set me right, if you wish to do so.

"First—The report quotes me as testifying that I would not hesitate to buy the vote of a councilman. The testimony shows that the question was asked me if some friend of a councilman was to come to me and promise to deliver the vote of his friend, 'not the voter himself,' would you make such a contract, and as I saw nothing unlawful in doing so, I answered, 'I would'; so there is no testimony to the effect that I would buy the vote of a councilman.

THAT SEVENTY THOUSAND.

Second—Your report says that Fisher charged up \$200.00 to 'franchises' and says I testified that only \$100.00 was used for this purpose, and that there was no evidence to show where the large discrepancy went to, and that is a misstatement of the facts. Mr. Northrup's statement, taken from the books of the company, shows that Fisher did not charge up the sum of \$200.00, but the balance of the \$200.00 was charged to me for 'securities rendered,' and I fully explained to the committee what those securities consisted of, and went to New York and secured vouchers to prove it, but was not successful. However, Mr. Northrup's statement, taken from the books, shows that my testimony that about \$100.00 in cash was used to further the obtaining of 'franchises' was verified, and was not, as you put it, 'not a fact, or disproved.' I answered every question put to me and made every effort to assist the committee and that their mountain should have brought forth such a mouse was no fault of mine, and I should be misrepresented in being my comprehension.

Very truly,

(Signed) ANDREW PIZZINI, JR.

REPORT JUSTIFIED.

Mr. Minor took the stenographic report of the evidence and read from it such portions of it as in his judgment bore on the content of Captain Pizzini's letter, and after doing so declared that in his opinion the evidence fully justified the report, and that the evidence was the only thing the committee had to go upon in making up the report. He took pains to state he was in no degree hostile to Captain Pizzini, and that the idea of doing him an injury had never for once entered his mind. He had never seen him to know him, but he went upon the witness stand.

The report of the investigation committee again furnished a few interesting moments. When it came up in the natural order of business, Mr. Minor moved that it be admitted to file.

Major Allen wanted to know if the report, as given in the newspapers, was correct. Mr. Minor, chairman, said he was so familiar with what it contained he had not read it in the papers, but he believed that the printed report was correct and was unanimously received.

MR. WASHNER INTERESTED.

Mr. Washner stated that he had understood his name had occurred in the evidence, and he would like to hear that portion of the record read.

Mr. Minor undertook to find the reference and readily did so.

Mr. Chipley, on the stand, said he sent Mr. Washner to New York with Mr. Mosby to inspect certain evidentiary evidence, and that statements previously made concerning the company were not true.

Mr. Chipley went on to say that at a mass meeting in Marshall Ward, Mr. Washner made the assertion that he would never vote to give the Bell Company a franchise. Mr. Chipley said Mr. Washner the next day told him that the statements against the Bell Company, upon which he based his hostility, were unfounded.

MR. DABNEY ELECTED.

An interesting feature towards the close of the session was the election of Mr. William T. Dabney to succeed Mr. Cunningham Hall as member of the Board from Madison Ward. Captain Hall having resigned on account of moving to another ward. Mr. Zimmerman, representing himself and Major Allen, nominated Mr. Dabney, and the election was unanimous.

The closing event was the resolution of Mr. Turpin to reduce the price of gas to thirty cents, or the alternative proposition that the rate of tax be reduced ten per cent. He spoke about five minutes in support of the proposition, saying that he wanted the great mass of people to have some substantial relief from the burdens of taxation, and this seemed to be the most practicable way to bring it about.

Major Allen opposed the proposition as stoutly as Mr. Turpin had supported it on the ground that Richmond was a growing city, and needed all the money it could get for its future needs. Mr. Turpin then goes to the Committee on Light, and it is understood that Mr. Turpin will advocate it before that body.

Members present last night were President Turpin, Messrs. Adams, Allen, Bland, Cottrill, Donahoe, Gilman, Mann, Batts, Davis, Dabney, Washner, Wood, Zimmerman, Gunst and Seay.

The body adjourned at 11 o'clock.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

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GRAND LODGE OF MASONS

Growth of the Order in North Carolina the Largest in Its History.

COL. CUNNINGHAM SPEAKS

Mrs. Long Comes From Tarboro and Identifies Joe Battle as the Negro Who Assaulted Her.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12.—North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons convened to-night; over 450 Masons present. Reports of all officers were gratifying and showed 13,663 Masons in the State, there being 340 lodges. The grand secretary's report states that the growth of the order in the State the past year has been the largest in the history of the order in North Carolina.

Colonel J. S. Cunningham, of Person county, delivered an eloquent oration.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The annual address by Grand Master H. I. Clark, of Scotland Neck, declared that the corner-stone of the new temple will certainly be laid in the early spring.

Colonel Long came from Tarboro this morning and identified Joe Battle, colored, as the negro who criminally assaulted her last August. Battle has been in jail here the past two months, and was one of the nine prisoners who broke jail recently in MANCHESTER.

Battle is the negro who was captured some months ago in Manchester, Va. Battle will be kept here until his trial, as there is danger of his being lynched if taken to Tarboro.

MEET IN ST. LOUIS JULY 6TH

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though I did not say what name I would fill in the blank.

"The candidate must be a man whose Democracy will be questioned during the campaign, and whose fidelity and Democratic principles will not be doubted after the election.

Tells a Story.

"If anybody says I am in favor of any particular man, I will be because he thinks his candidate answers that description. It will be the theory of a few in Nebraska. One evening at our church they had two speeches, one by a Republican and one by myself. It was a talk on good government just before the State election.

A Republican the next day explained that I had desecrated the church by making a political speech, but a Democrat who was there assured me that I had not mentioned any political parties. The Republican said that I had told a falsehood to vote for Broody, the Democratic candidate, but the Democrat again insisted that I had not mentioned Broody's name. 'Well,' said the Republican, 'he told them to vote for the best man, and everybody knew he meant Broody.'

Hon. J. Taylor Ellison, member of the committee, for Virginia, arrived this morning, and after attending the sessions of the committee, left to-night for Atlanta to attend the funeral of General Gordon Thursday. Mr. Ellison is the son of Peter J. Orey, his predecessor, who died since the last meeting of the committee.

Portrait of Jackson.

The committee was called to order by Chairman James K. Jones, of Arkansas, promptly at 12 o'clock. As the members took their seats they faced a raised platform, behind which was an elaborate structure of flags surrounding a large portrait of Andrew Jackson. The sessions were executive.

Among those present with proxies was Joseph O. Hill, of Georgia. Boutwell, of Nebraska, and a recess was taken until 3 o'clock, when arguments were heard from representatives of the cities desiring the convention.

Judge A. A. Goodrich and George W. Peak were announced as the spokesmen for Chicago.

Judge Goodrich declared that from a political point of view, Chicago was the proper place to go, although Illinois, he said, would not be lacking in Democratic enthusiasm whatever the city chosen.

State Senator McCutchen, of New York, gave a hearty cheer as he stepped forward to present the claims of New York City for the convention.

The recess, political count, he said, afforded an opportunity for delegates to witness the ground on which the fusion forces recently met their Waterloo. The convention would be stimulus to the adjoining States of New Jersey and Connecticut. In any event, he pledged New York for the Democratic column. A communication was read from former

Mayor VanWyck, and others, in favor of New York.

Mayor Rella well represented the claims of St. Louis.

A written proposal was presented to the committee offering \$40,000 in cash and the free use of the coliseum, a fireproof building, a seating capacity of 12,000. The Business Men's League guaranteed hotel accommodations.

St. Louis' Claim.

Charles W. Knapp, managing editor of the St. Louis Republic, said emphatically that the guests would be given unusual hotel accommodations, and transportation facilities. When the convention time arrived, the city would have hotel capacity to accommodate more than 100,000 guests. Extortionate rates would not be charged. A written guarantee was now signed by 97 per cent. of all of the city hotel proprietors that they would not raise rates. Besides this a hotel with accommodations for 5,000 people was now being constructed within the Exposition grounds, which would maintain regular rates and would be a competitor against which outside hotels could not compete at higher rates. As to transportation, he said, negotiations had been completed which insured a half rate from every part of the country. Within the last two weeks a still better rate had become a possibility, the rate being 80 per cent. of the half rate. As to the political aspect, Mr. Knapp declared positively that the Democratic party would carry the city and State, no matter where the convention went. However, the convention would have there the hearty support of a friendly press. Mr. Knapp was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his remarks.

Two Calls.

There were two roll calls to select the city. On the first, St. Louis received 23 votes, Chicago 20 and New York 6. On the second ballot, St. Louis received 28 and Chicago 21. The date was fixed as July 6th, on motion of Colonel J. M. Guffey, of Pittsburg; J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, suggested June 1st. The June date was declared to be too early and likely to interfere with primary elections.

Chairman Jones appointed J. T. McGraw, of West Virginia; J. T. Ellison, of Virginia; W. B. Bourley, of New Jersey; J. M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, and Norman E. Mack, of New York, as the committee to consider the disputed membership from the District of Columbia.

To this committee was also referred the request of the Democratic Central Committee from Hawaii, asking that Mr. Wood be made member from Hawaii, and also a request from the Democratic Central Committee of Porto Rico, requesting permission to send six delegates to the National Convention.

The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

AT THE THEATRES.

"The Princess Chic."

It is said that "The Princess Chic," which will be seen at the Academy tomorrow afternoon and night, is a comic opera of rare beauty and value.

Certain it is that Kirke La Shelle, the librettist, as well as the proprietor of the piece, has given it a most elaborate and artistic mounting, as well as a cast of artists such as are seldom seen in one company. The play is headed by Vera Michienza, and there is every reason to believe that "The Princess Chic" will meet with the same enthusiastic reception here that has been accorded it everywhere else.

10 to be Buried Alive.

"We are standing 'em up all 'round the house," was the cheerful information given by the box office yesterday afternoon, when a great demand for tickets was made to the matinee and night performances of "The Princess Chic."

"Buried Alive," had brought out a crowd which threatened at one time to break the record. The play went much better than at the opening. The actors and actresses had recovered from the attack and were working along with the steadiness of all-season players. Mr. Richards was delighted with the improved condition of the audience united in the delight, manifesting its approval of the work of the players by rounds of applause.

The play will run the remainder of the week, with the usual matinees.

Miss Martinot.

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